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HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE CHHATTISGARH : BILASPUR

SINGLE BENCH : HON'BLE SHRI S.R. NAYAK, C.J.

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Present : Dr. N.K. Shukla, senior counsel with Shri A.K. Yadav, learned counsel for the petitioners.
Shri Mukesh Sharma, learned counsel for respondent No.1.

ORAL ORDER

(Passed on 25th July, 2006)

In all these writ petitions, the order made by the learned District Judge, Durg appointing the Arbitrator under Section 11(6) of Arbitration Act has been assailed. In the light of the judgment of the Apex Court in **M/s. S.B.P. &Co. vs. M/s. Patel Engineering Ltd. & Anr.**[1], the learned District Judge ought to have transferred the application to the Chief Justice of this Court. In that view of the matter, the impugned orders are set aside.

(2) The learned District Judge is directed to refer the applications to the Chief Justice of this Court.

Sd/-
Chief Justice

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1. 2006(I) MPJR 1 = (2005) 8 SCC 638